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Congressional Staff Receive Update on EPA Activities in Dimock, PA - On Thursday, February 23, 2012, staff from several Congressional committees and Member offices received an update from EPA Region III staff on activities regarding the groundwater investigation in Dimock, Pennsylvania. Staff from the Senate Environment and Public Works, Senate Energy and Natural Resources, House Energy and Commerce, and House Science and Technology committees as well as multiple staff from Congressman Marino's office participated in the call, arranged by OCIR. Region III staff provided an update on the status of sampling activities, an overview of results to date, a review of data, coordination with the state and Cabot, and the next steps in the groundwater investigation. Congressman Marino's staff had significant interest in and concerns about EPA's statutory authority under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) to perform this sampling and provide water. Other questions centered on EPA's authorities, spills in the Dimock area, and state coordination. (Jennie Saxe, 215-814-5806; Pamela Janifer, 202-564-6969)

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